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SUBJ: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY V: CANARY ISLANDS QUESTION

DEFERRED TO HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT

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SUMMARY. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) HAS ONCE AGAIN DEFERRED DIFFICULT DECISION TO HEADS OF STATE, THIS TIME ON CANARY ISLANDS AND OAU RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR THE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CANARY ISLANDS ARCHIPELAGO (MPAIAC) AS A LEGITIMATE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. ISSUE OF REUNION WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITHOUT CONCLUSIVE RESULTS. END SUMMARY

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1. DURING JULY 11 PRESS BRIEFING, OAU SPOKESMAN ONU STATED THAT COM HAD EXPRESSED DIVERGENT VIEWS ON CANARY ISLANDS AND REUNION ISSUES. ONU SAID SOME MEMBERS URGED AD HOC COMMITTEES BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TWO "TERRITORIES" BECAUSE WITHOUT SUCH INFORMATION COM COULD NOT DEAL USEFULLY WITH ISSUES. HE FURTHER ADDED THAT

SOME MEMBERS BELIEVED OAU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK PERMISSION FROM SPANISH GOVT TO SEND FACT-FINDING MISSION TO CANARY ISLANDS.

2. CANARY ISLANDS ISSUE APPARENTLY CONTROVERSIAL ENOUGH, THAT COM COULD NOT DECIDE ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC) IN DAR ES SALAAM. ONU CITED MAJOR PROVISIONS OF ALC RECOMMENDATIONS AS A) REQUESTING UN TO DECLARE THAT CANARY ISLANDS IN NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORY AND B) OAU RECOGNITION OF MPAIAC AS LEGITIMATE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT ELIGIBLE FOR OAU ASSISTANCE. BECAUSE OF COM INDECISION, ALC RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT FOR DECISION "BEFORE ANY EFFORT IS MADE ON IMPLEMENTATION." CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, GABON, IVORY COAST, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, SENEGAL AND TUNISIA REITERATED THEIR RESERVATIONS ON CANARY ISLANDS ISSUE AND ALSO ON REUNION QUESTION (SEE BELOW). MPAIAC GENSEC FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DOMINGO ACOSTA IS ATTENDING KHARTOUM MEETINGS AS "OBSERVER", BUT IT UNKNOWN WHETHER MPAIAC LEADER ANTONIO CUBILLO WILL ATTEND SUMMIT.

3. ON REUNION ISSUE, NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT OAU SHOULD FOCUS ON ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND PALESTINE INSTEAD OF REUNION, WHERE THERE IS NOT EVEN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THESE MEMBERS MAINTAINED THAT IF REUNION CREATES LIBERATION MOVEMENT, OAU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD CONSIDER GIVING ASSISTANCE, IF ASKED, AT THAT TIME.

4. COMMENT: OUTCOME OF MPAIAC RECOGNITION BY OAU STILL VERY MUCH IN DOUBT AND CAUSING SOME POLARIZATION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HEADS OF STATE JUST MIGHT DEFER RESOLUTION OF CANARIES QUESTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR, AFTER OAU FACT-FINDING MISSION HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO VISIT ARCHIPELAGO. SPANISH "PRESS OFFICERS" APPEAR CALM ABOUT INTERIM OAU DECISION THUS FAR. BERGUS

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